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1. [redacted] enrollment in military officers schools in China opened under the slogan "Anti-American and Aid Korea". Students, workers, and unemployed young men were urged to join the schools to prepare for World War III. Military authorities plan to enroll 10,000,000 men in several groups during 1951. Cadets are to be between the ages of 17 and 25. After taking entrance examinations, enrollees are to be enlisted in one of the following academies: naval, tank, artillery, air defense, or medical.
2. Aviation cadets are to be sent to Chienchiaio (120-13, 30-19) to receive preliminary training, after which they will be sent to Chiamussu* to receive formal training. Naval cadets will be sent to Nanking for preliminary training, after which they will be sent to Dairen and Tsingtao. Tank, artillery, and air defense cadets will be concentrated in Nanking for training and later sent to Shansi Province. Medical students will be sent directly to Mukden for training.
3. The aviation course is to take one year, the naval course two years, the tank course eight months, the artillery course one year, and the medical course four years.**
4. The length of time required to complete courses in other subjects including medicine at military officer schools is as follows:
 - a. The medical course may be a four-year or a two-year course. Half of all students are to be women.
 - b. The administrative course may be either a two-year or a one-year course.
 - c. The signal communications course may be either a one-year course in electrical engineering, a one and one-half year course in signal communications, or a nine-month course.***

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- c. The Public Security course is a six month's course for the purpose of training cadre.
- d. Russian language course may be from two to three years.
5. Authorities had planned to recruit 3,000 young men from Shanghai in the first group, but 6,000 actually enrolled. Recruiting of the second group was to take place in February 1951. Because the number of enrollees in the first group was so high, enrollment of students for the second group was also carried out in December. Among those who enrolled were many students from Chiao Tung (交 通) University. The next largest number of enrollees came from Fu Tan (復 旦) University. Only a few enrolled from the University of Shanghai and St. John's University.
6. Although military authorities have been urging people to join the army as "volunteers" to fight in Korea, actually those who join become regular troops. Those who refuse to join the army are forced to contribute money for ammunition to be used in Korea. The price of one hand grenade is JPY50,000.
7. In October 1950, Communist authorities in East China decided to recruit 100,000 militiamen each from Fukien, Chekiang, Kiangsu and Anhwei Provinces. These men were to be used either as replacements for the regular army or as an independent unit with the regular army during a future world war. The entire recruitment program was to be completed by April 1951. In Shanghai, the Communists also organized a labor operational unit of 200,000 men.***

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* [] Comment: Numerous reports indicate that this is one of the principal aviation training schools.

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** [] Comment: The length of time required for air defense training was not reported. The two lengths given for the medical course were not explained.

*** [] Comment: The subject to be taught in the nine-month course was not reported.

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**** [] Comment: It was not clear whether these men were to be used as military or civilian labor.

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